



## CURES 2.0 UPDATE

**Notice:** All California-licensed health care practitioners authorized to prescribe Schedule II-IV controlled substance, and all pharmacists with an active license must be registered to use CURES before July 1, 2016. You must register for CURES access if you meet these criteria, even if you do not actively prescribe or dispense.

On January 8, 2016, the Department of Justice (DOJ) will release the upgraded Controlled Substances Utilization Review and Evaluation System, also referred to as **CURES 2.0**.

In order to utilize CURES 2.0, a user must access the system through a secure browser. The following browsers are considered secure:

- Microsoft Internet Explorer version 11 or greater
- Google Chrome
- Mozilla Firefox
- Safari

CURES 2.0 offers a significantly improved user experience and increased functionality, including:

- Allowing approved delegates to run patient report queries that prescribers and dispensers can access,
- Sending peer-to-peer communications; and,
- Receiving patient alerts.

For those without a secure browser, access to CURES 1.0 will continue; however, none of the new CURES 2.0 performance or functionality features will be available in CURES 1.0.

In order to access CURES 2.0, a new streamlined registration process is being implemented. This new process will allow prescribers and dispensers to request and receive approval to access CURES entirely online.



For new users (those who have never accessed the CURES system):

- Regardless of the browser you utilize, you must register for CURES access via a secure browser.
- To register, visit <http://www.oag.ca.gov/cures>, click on the registration link, and follow the instructions.
- Only California-licensed prescribers and dispensers can register. You will need your state license information and prescribers must provide federal DEA license information to register. You must provide your information for CURES access specifically as directed by DOJ. This information will be verified with the Drug Enforcement Agency and the regulatory board issuing your license. Failure to provide accurate information may result in a delay of approval for accessing CURES.
- Once you have been approved for CURES access by DOJ, you can access CURES 1.0 or 2.0 depending on which browser you utilize to query the system.

For existing CURES users:

- If you do not utilize a secure browser, you can continue accessing CURES 1.0 on your current browser.
- Regardless of what browser you will utilize, you will need to confirm your account with DOJ and update security information the first time you access CURES on January 8.

For those who have submitted a paper application to DOJ:

- You can either apply for CURES access on a secure browser as a new user or continue to wait for processing and approval from DOJ for access to CURES, at which point, you can utilize either CURES 1.0 or 2.0 depending on your browser.

To learn more, visit <http://oag.ca.gov/cures-pdmp/faqs>. For assistance, contact the CURES helpdesk at (916) 227-3843 or [cures@doj.ca.gov](mailto:cures@doj.ca.gov).